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Commissioner Robert G. Taub, Chairman
Postal Regulatory Commission
90d1 New York Ave. NW, Suite 200
Washington, DD 20268

RE: Docket RM2017-3

Dear Commissioners,

I am a member of the Board of Directors of Harvest Hope Food bank and I am writing to express my objections to the pending postal rate increases- which have the potential to reach seven percent per year. This is far greater than the current rate of inflation.

Harvest Hope serves 2.1 million food insecure individuals last year and provided food for 22.9 million meals. We serve a total of 20 counties in the state of South Carolina and in doing so we spend 98 cents of every dollar in serving the community.

The proposed rate increases would severely impact our ability to do direct mailing to potential donors, which is the way we raise the majority of our funding. We mail approximately 100,000 direct mail pieces annually and 20,000 other mailings to send thank you notes, event specific notices and other information.

Because this would have such a negative impact on our organization, I am urging the Postal Regulatory Commission to reconsider this proposal, particularly for non-profit groups who can least afford the increase.

Sincerely,



Lenore K. Zedosky
Member, Board of Directors